

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

March 29, 2018

RE: Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific

Partnership Submission:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As an Australian citizen I vehemently object to the proposed free trade 'negotiations' listed above on the following grounds:

1. They are against the general best economic and social interests of Australia and it's citizens.
2. Secret negotiations surrounding these FTA's negate due democratic process that has been enshrined in our national democratic values since Federation.
3. The FTA is reputed to give multinational corporations in effect the power to override our domestic laws and legislations, by suing our nation for any perceived damages or loss of future undue profit caused by our domestic laws via a foreign 'tribunal' not even accountable to voters of Australia. This is preposterous.
4. The tobacco companies are going to have a multi billion dollar field day for a start over our strict packaging laws.
5. Our fragile environmental protections will be next in the firing line by anyone large enough to sue.

In conclusion, why would we want our safety and children's safety as well as legal sovereignty compromised, for no provable economic gain anywhere within this country?

Thank you,

Daniel Frydrych